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TO: Parents of Youth and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder

FROM: Staff to the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee

DATE: October 9, 2014

SUBJECT: Study on Transitional Services for Youth and Young Adults with Autism

Spectrum Disorder

The Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee (PRI) is conducting a study on **Transitional Services for Youth and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**. PRI is the bipartisan oversight committee of the Connecticut General Assembly, and Principal Analysts Michelle Castillo and Miriam Kluger are the nonpartisan research staff conducting this study. For more information about the study, please visit our staff office website:

http://www.cga.ct.gov/pri/index.asp.

In an effort to reach as many parents as possible, several individuals and organizations are helping to distribute this survey, and we apologize if you have already received notification of this survey.

The purpose of the study is to find out the needs of individuals with ASD, and what services are available to help them. Our focus is on the transition from high school to young adulthood (defined as up to age 25).

This survey is for parents of children aged 15-25 with ASD. We are especially interested in your experience preparing for transition in high school and the years after high school. If you have more than one child with ASD, please answer the survey questions as they relate to your oldest child with ASD who is in the 15-25 year old age range.

Your answers to the survey questions will be very helpful to us in understanding what you and other parents think about transition and available services. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete, and your answers will be kept confidential. You can participate in this online survey by clicking on this link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ParentSurveyForASDtransitionStudy

Please complete and submit your online survey **no later than October 24.** If you have any questions about this study or survey, please feel free to contact Miriam Kluger at: 860-240-0304. Again, here is the link to connect to the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ParentSurveyForASDtransitionStudy

Thank you!

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